

neighborhood news



October 2014

news for and about
Bellevue neighborhoods

A Day of Family Fun Bellevue Fire Station Open Houses

Saturday, October 4, 10am-4pm



Join us for a day of family fun at all nine Bellevue Fire Department stations. Last year over 4,000 parents, kids and neighbors joined us for a day at the fire house. This year we will be introducing our “Junior Fire Marshal” program. This program encourages all to review the safety features in our homes to keep our families safe!

Here are a few of the happenings:

- Home fire safety trailer
- Residential sprinkler trailer demonstration
- Hands only CPR introduction!
- Stove top fires demonstration
- Tours, snacks and fun for all ages

To learn more about this event, check out the City’s Fire Department Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bellevue-WA-Fire-Department/>

Neighborhood Leaders Gathering

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30-8pm
City Hall, 1E-108

Join Mayor Claudia Balducci in a conversation on *Neighborhood Character: What to Preserve Amidst Change*. Many Bellevue neighborhoods are experiencing rapid change both demographically and physically. Residents will reflect on what makes their neighborhood’s character

unique and what helps create a sense of community. Conversation will be facilitated by Neighborhood Outreach Manager, Mike McCormick Huentelman.

These gatherings give neighborhood leaders an opportunity to have their voices heard on critical community issues focused at the neighborhood level. Neighborhood association members, emerging leaders and those interested in becoming more involved in their neighborhood are invited to attend. There is no cost to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Reserve your space by contacting neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

You are invited

Thursday, October 7, 2014
6:30–8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-108 • Light Refreshments

Join in a Conversation about

“Neighborhood Character”

What to Preserve Amidst Change

“Neighborhood Character” (noun) the quality and personality of a neighborhood, including its natural, physical and historical features. What sets a neighborhood apart and creates its sense of community.

Facilitated by Mike McCormick Huentelman
Neighborhood Outreach Manager



King County Assessor Lloyd Hara to host North East King County Town Hall Meeting at Bellevue City Hall

Wednesday, October 8

6:30-8:00pm

Bellevue City Hall



King County

King County Assessor Lloyd Hara from the Department of Assessments will host a town hall meeting on Wednesday, October 8th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. This public town hall will be an opportunity for Northeast King County residents to learn more about their 2014 property assessments and values, senior and disabled exemptions, online services and the appeals process. For more information on Northeast King County valuations, please visit the 2014 Area Reports page.

“Continuing the 2013 trend, property values are increasing across King County as we emerge from the Great Recession,” said Assessor Lloyd Hara. “In 2013, we saw a residential increase in 76 out of 86 residential areas and we expect to see continued growth in residential values in 2014 for almost all residential areas in King County except for a small number of parcels in the Snoqualmie Pass and Stevens Pass area.”

The King County Board of Equalization (BOE) will be present to provide information on property valuation appeals: The BOE is independent from the Assessor's Office and is comprised of seven citizen members appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the King County Council.

Assessor Lloyd Hara would like to remind all property owners to carefully review the information contained in the valuation notice. If you feel a mistake has been made in valuing your property, it is recommended that you contact the Assessor's Office directly before filing an appeal at 206-296-7300 or assessor.info@kingcountygov.

Property owners can review their property information online using eReal Property and review our Area Reports on the Assessor's homepage at www.kingcounty.gov/assessor or with the Assessor's staff to make sure an error has not been made. King County allows 60 days from the valuation's postmark date to file an appeal with the King County Board of Equalizations. Some low-income seniors, disabled veterans, or disabled persons retired because of a disability might be eligible for a property tax deferral or exemption. The King County Assessor's Office encourages you or those you know to contact our office to determine eligibility. For more information, visit the King County Assessor's website at www.kingcounty.gov/assessor or please contact Phillip Sit at 206-263-2261 or email phillip.sit@kingcounty.gov.



International Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 8

On Wednesday, October 8th, children from all over Bellevue will be walking to school as part of International Walk to School Day. Walking to school is an easy way to incorporate active transportation and exercise into your child's daily routine. This year, at least seven elementary schools in Bellevue will be participating, representing a continued upward trend in interest. Children at participating schools will receive a pedestrian safety workbook, take part in walking school buses, and be joined by surprise guests such as Pedbee, the official pedestrian safety mascot, and Blitz, the Seahawks mascot.

Last year, more than 4,400 schools from all fifty states hosted events on Walk to School Day. If your school isn't participating in an official event (<http://walkbiketoschool.org/go/whos-walking/2014/WA/Bellevue>), consider taking time to talk with your neighbors to organize an informal walk to school group on October 8.



Bridle Trails New Public Artwork—Opening Celebration!

Saturday, October 11, 11:00am-1:00pm
132nd Avenue NE & NE 40th Street



Join the Bridle Trails community, the artist and the Mayor in celebrating

the official opening of its new public artwork: Homage by artist Bruce Myers! This celebration will feature a few words from the Mayor and a special ribbon-cutting ceremony, and of course, cake and refreshments! All are welcome to this fun and lite-hearted event.

Listening to the community, artist Bruce Myers drew inspiration from the natural and equestrian character of the Bridle Trails neighborhood in the creation of this artwork. Artfully integrated into three different locations (124th Ave NE & NE 20th St., 132nd Ave NE & NE 40th St., and 140th Ave NE at the Bridle Crest Trail) throughout Bridle Trails, this artwork is intended to fit in with the peaceful and natural character of the area.

For more information about the event and the artwork visit: www.bellevuewa.gov/bridle-trails-equestrian-art.htm or contact Mary Pat Byrne, Arts Specialist at mpbyrne@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4105.

20th Anniversary Mini City Hall

Wednesday, Oct 22, 2014, 3pm
Center Stage Crossroads Mall

Mini City Hall and Crossroads Shopping Center celebrate 20 years of partnership this month. This little city hall in a shopping mall was the brainchild of former Neighborhood Outreach Manager, Cheryl Kuhn and Shopping Center Developer, Ron Sher. Join the celebration on October 22nd and learn how this match was made!

Bellevue's Fall Recycling Event: New Location!

Crossroads Bible Church, 15185 SE 37th St
Saturday, October 18, 9am-3pm

The City's fall special recycling collection event will be moving further south in the City, but will still be available to accept recyclable materials on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 9am to 3pm. The new location is Crossroads Bible Church, 15815 SE 37th Street.

Televisions, computers, electronic equipment, appliances, scrap metal, auto batteries, porcelain sinks and toilets, tires, mattresses, Styrofoam blocks and packing peanuts, and other items will be accepted. Paper shredding will be offered at this event. There will be a charge for some items. Hazardous waste such as paint, pesticides, motor oil and antifreeze will NOT be accepted. Details on allowed and not accepted items can be found online at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/utilities.htm>.

Do you have any questions? Call Utilities at 425-452-6932 Monday-Friday between 8am and 5pm.



Since 1994, Mini City Hall and Crossroads have been providing resources and referrals to the East Bellevue community.

Needs and services are growing every year. Learn more about the inspirational work done at Mini City Hall through a short program at 3:00pm. Following the program, Crossroads merchants will provide free bites and beverages, giveaways, live music and free water bottles! Bring the kids, bring your friends and come celebrate with us!

For more information, contact Barb Tuininga at 425-452-2800 or btuininga@bellevuewa.gov.



City of Bellevue's Resource Fair

Thursday, October 23, 5:30-7pm
Bellevue City Hall Concourse

The City of Bellevue has a wealth of programs and services that are available to help strengthen our city and make it a great place to live! Bellevue residents are invited to a **Resource Fair** of City programs and services. The Resource Fair will feature resident-oriented programs and services from City departments and Community Partners.

Come learn what your city can do for you! Some of the featured programs will include:

- Arts Program
- Bellevue Downtown Association
- Bellevue Police Department Crime Prevention

- Eastside Heritage Center
- Emergency Preparedness
- Home Repair Program
- King County Library System
- Neighborhood Outreach
- Neighborhood and Parent/Teen Mediation
- Network on Aging
- Parks Department Programs
- Probation Services
- Snow and Ice Preparedness
- Youth Link and more!



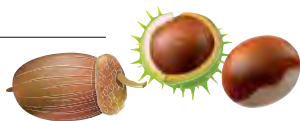
This event is free and open to the public. Parking is complimentary. For more information contact neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.

Racing Pumpkins!

Saturday, October 25, 10am-12pm
South Bellevue Community Center

The South Bellevue Community Center will be holding its Fourth Annual "Great SBCC Pumpkin Race" on Saturday October 25th starting at 10 am. Keeping in line with SBCC's focus of fitness, moving and activity, pumpkins no longer need be sedentary! For those of you not sure how to prepare a pumpkin for race activity there will a FREE workshop on Wednesday October 15th at 7:00 pm, which will provide ideas, motivation and demonstrations. Teams and individuals are welcome to enter the race. You must register your pumpkin for this fun free event, so don't delay. Awards will be presented for champion racer, judges and crowd favorite best decorated pumpkin and costume.

For more information visit www.bellevuewa.gov/south_bellevue_center.htm or call 425-452-4240.



Cultural Conversations

"Recognizing Empathy Across Culture"

Tuesday, October 28, 1-2:30pm
Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th Street

This month's Cultural Conversations will be exploring the topic of empathy as a personal expression that creates a safe space to build relationships and create community. We will also explore whether or how empathetic expression varies culturally. What are the roles of the giver and receiver? How do timing, place or non-verbal cues, help or hurt?

Cultural Conversations is a women's group that was launched in 2010 as a partnership between diverse women in the community and the City of Bellevue providing an opportunity to enhance knowledge and understanding of different cultural practices and world views. The events are free, refreshments are served and women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend. To fully participate in the sharing, we encourage you to make arrangements for childcare. If you'd like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Carol at cross@bellevuewa.gov.





Telephone Conciliation Training

October 22 & 29, 5-9pm

October 24 & 31, 9am-4pm

The Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program is committed to utilizing volunteers to resolve conflicts in our community. We are seeking volunteers to provide telephone intake and conflict coaching services. Both the training and volunteering are pre-requisites to becoming a future mediator with our program.

There is no charge for the training. Attendance at all sessions is required. Upon completion attendees are expected to volunteer in the mediation office in three hour, weekly shifts during business hours.

Bellevue is Winter Ready – Are You?



The City of Bellevue is getting ready for winter. Are you?

If you're prepared ahead of time for inclement weather, you'll feel better if it does show up. One of the easiest and quickest ways to find out what the city is doing or what you should do in the event of extreme weather, is to visit the city's main homepage and click on the extreme weather button:

It can also be found at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/emergencies-extreme-weather.htm>. Find emergency tips, a snow priorities map, and important weather-related phone numbers and websites. You can also sign up for E-Alerts to receive an email or text whenever there is an update to this page.

The City emergency and extreme weather webpage is kept current and when necessary new information is posted. Bellevue is winter ready and we want you to be winter ready, too.

Telephone intake volunteers assist callers in understanding their issues, exploring options and developing strategies for problem resolution. Training includes conflict theory, communication skills building, conflict styles, database usage and procedural tools.

Qualifications for volunteering: You must live, work or go to school in Bellevue to be eligible. Desired qualities include: good communication skills, a positive attitude, the ability to empower people to resolve problems, and the ability to respect confidentiality and remain impartial.

To apply for this training, contact mediation_info@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4091. Application deadline is Oct. 10, 2014. Interviews will follow. Please check our website www.bellevuewa.gov/mediation.htm for further information about our services.

Green Clean at Home: Free Workshops

Wednesday, October 22, 7-8:30pm
Newport Way Library

Monday, October 27, 7-8:00pm, Lake Hills Library
Thursday, November 6, 7-8:00pm, Bellevue City Hall

Monday, November 10, 7-8:00pm
North Bellevue Community Center

The City of Bellevue is pleased to be able to offer four special green clean workshops this fall for people who work or live in Bellevue. All workshops are free, and attendees will receive a free green cleaning kit to take home. These fun, hands-on classes will cover information on avoiding toxic cleaners and resources for making your own green cleaners. Adults and children over 7 are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend, registration is required. Please email us at recycle@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-6932 to register. Spaces are limited to 20 people per session. First come, first served.



October Meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)

10/6 City Council (6:00p.m., Public Safety Training Center) Budget Workshop
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

10/7 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30p.m., Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) red light/school zone cameras and courtesy hearing on Administrative Conditional Use Permit re: Sprint Wireless Antenna Modification.
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

10/7 Human Services Commission (6:30p.m., 1E-113) Topics: Panel on Mental Health/Substance Abuse Trends and Issues http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

10/7 Arts Commission (4:30p.m., 1E-109) Bridle Trails art dedication planning, 2015 Funding Guidelines Review, and introduction of Linda Pawson, Executive Director of Bellevue Arts Museum http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

10/8 Planning Commission (6:30p.m., 1E-113) Comprehensive Plan Update - Community vision; Subarea boundaries; Work of other boards and commissions
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

10/9 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-120) Committee Reports & KCEMS Fall Prevention
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

10/9 Environmental Services Commission (6:30p.m., 1E-112) Review Proposed Utilities Budget; Solid Waste Contract Performance Audit & Customer Survey Results; Water Rate Design http://www.bellevuewa.gov/envIRON_serv_comm.htm

10/9 Transportation Commission (6:30p.m., 1E-113) Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Workshop
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

10/13 City Council (6:00p.m. extended study session, Council Conference Room) Council Business, Mini-Consent Calendar, Management Brief on Renton Request for School District Impact Fees, Recreational Marijuana Regulations, Planning Commission Transmittal on Land Use Code Amendments for Room Rentals and Sambica, Downtown Livability Update, Hearing Examiner Recommendation on North Parcel Rezone
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

10/14 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00p.m., 1E-113) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

10/15 East Link Permitting CAC (3:00-5:00p.m., 1E-113) Sound Transit South Bellevue Design and Mitigation Permit
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

10/16 Special Events Committee (8:30 -10:30 a.m. City Hall, 1E-118)
http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm

10/20 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Human Services Commission Funding Recommendations, Second Discussion on Comprehensive Plan Update, Multi-Family Tax Exemption, PACE Update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Management Brief on Code Amendment in Regards to Renton School District Impact Fee Collection, Consent Calendar, North Parcel Rezone Application, False Alarm Ordinance, Energize Eastside Independent Analysis Consulting Contract, Horizon View Legislative Rezone
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

10/21 Library Commission (5:00 p.m.) Lake Hills Library 15590 Lake Hills Blvd Bellevue, WA 98007 Topic: <tentative> Information on the Open Meetings Act (WA State RCW 42:30)
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

10/21 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Topics: Bellevue Diversity Initiative
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

10/29 East Link Permitting CAC (3:00-5:00p.m., 1E-113) Sound Transit South Bellevue Design and Mitigation Permit
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

10/22 Planning Commission (6:30p.m., 1E-113) Comprehensive Plan Update; Complete review of initial drafts http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

10/23 Transportation Commission (6:30p.m., 1E-113) Bellevue Diversity Initiative Briefing, Downtown Transportation Plan Implementation
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

10/27 City Council (6:00p.m. extended study session, Council Conference Room) Update on Downtown Park Levy Project, East Link Monthly Update, Regional Issues, Preliminary Budget Kick-off
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

10/28 East Main CAC (4:00p.m. 1E-113) Discuss scoping and visioning in preparation for public workshop immediately following in room 1E-108 from 5:30-7:30pm
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-station-areas.htm>

Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 425-452-6836.